



RULES OF THE ROAD 1/28/15

- Start is by speed with the fastest riders first.
- Choose a Mileage that you are sure you are able to ride.
- Follow the order of your chosen mileage
 - **60 Milers begin at 7:30 a.m.**
 - **40 Milers begin at 8:00 a.m.**
 - **20 Milers begin at 8:30 a.m.**
- Each start will have several waves grouped by speed with the fastest riders starting first (Wave Start)
 - The Wave Start helps riders spread out faster and safer, and
 - Starting in the right pace group will avoid the need to pass or be passed many times at the beginning of the ride and reduce congestion significantly
- This is a ride NOT a race, please be careful.
- Be aware of changing road surfaces. Watch for cracks, manhole covers, etc.
- This is not a closed route. Intersections will be manned by traffic officers.
- Obey traffic officers.
- Obey traffic rules and traffic signals.
- Watch out at ALL INTERSECTIONS.
- Helmets are REQUIRED!
- No headphones, mobile phones, Bluetooth devices, hand held cameras, trailers or tag-a-longs.
- Use verbal and hand signals to announce your intentions (“passing on your left”, “left turn”, “right turn”, “slowing”, “stopping”).
- Scan for traffic and signal lane changes and turns – you are considered a vehicle.
- Be predictable – Maintain your line and your speed
 - Don’t accelerate or slow down suddenly
 - Travel in a straight line unless you are avoiding hazards or passing
- Ride no more than two abreast. Slower riders please ride as far right as practicable to allow faster riders to pass on your left.
- The Ride Marshals are there for your safety and can assist with problems on the road.
- If you need assistance, please pull completely off the road, remove your helmet and use it to wave for help.

REST STOPS:

- **REST STOP 1 & 5:** *Scarborough High School* - 4141 Costa Rica Road, Houston, TX 77092 (On Antoine between Saxon and Libbey)
- **REST STOP 2 & 4:** *Sylvester Turner Park*- 2800 West Little York, Houston, TX 77091
- **REST STOP 3:** *Gray Elementary* – 700 West Road, Houston, TX 77058
- Rest Stops are busy, so please slow down well in advance.

Pull into the rest stops fully - Do not stop on the road.

Yield to riders exiting from rest stops.

- All routes are secured until 1:30 p.m. and after 1:30 p.m. riders will have the option to hop on the SAG wagon or continue to ride without support.

SPECIAL MENTIONS:

- **PREPARED TO SLOW DOWN AND STOP AT THE FOLLOWING RAILROAD CROSSINGS:**
 - **RAILROAD CROSSING:** POST OAK BLVD (BEFORE YOU REACH HEMPSTEAD) ALL RIDERS WILL CROSS THIS RAILROAD TWICE.
 - **RAILROAD CROSSING:** West Tidwell (BEFORE YOU REACH TC JESTER BLVD) 40 AND 60 MILE RIDERS WILL CROSS THIS RAILROAD TWICE.
 - **RAILROAD CROSSING:** TC JESTER BLVD (BEFORE YOU REACH 34TH STREET) 40 AND 60 MILE RIDERS WILL CROSS THIS RAILROAD TWICE.
- **If you are a 60-mile participant and have not reached REST STOP 2 (Sylvester Turner Park) by 10:30 a.m. you will be advised to turn-around**
- **If you are a 40-mile participant and have not reached REST STOP 1 (Scarborough High School) by 10:30 a.m. you will be advised to turn-around**